

Opportunity to Comment on the Moonlight Range Allotment Project

The Mt. Hough and Beckwourth Ranger Districts of the Plumas National Forest are beginning the scoping process for the Moonlight Range Allotment Project. We are inviting you to submit comments to help refine the proposed activities. We are proposing to re-authorize continued livestock grazing, restore meadow systems and improve riparian areas. Treatment activities include fencing sensitive areas such as fens, streams and meadows, creating an additional corral and water trough, removing encroaching conifers from meadow systems, manually fixing head cuts, and revegetating disturbed areas.

The Moonlight Range Allotment Project is part of the Plumas National Forest Fire Restoration effort. Fire settlement funds received by the Forest Service provide a unique opportunity to restore ecosystem health, function and resilience within the areas affected by the Moonlight Fire. The project is located on National Forest System (NFS) lands on the Plumas National Forest,

Mt. Hough and Beckwourth Ranger Districts. The Antelope Allotment is located in all or portions of T27N, R12E, Sections 1-3, 10-13, T27N, R13E, Sections 2-11, 16-20, T28N, R11E, Sections 1, 11-14, 24, T28N, R12E, Sections 6, 8, 9, 13-29, 34-36, T28N, R13E, Sections 19 and 28-34. The Antelope Lake Allotment is located in all or portions of T27N, R12E, Sections 10-15, 22-27, T27N, R13E Sections 18, 19 and 30. The Lights Creek Allotment is located in all or portions of T27N, R10E, Sections 1-5, 8-29, 33-35, T27N R11E, Sections 5-8, 17-19 and 30. The Lone Rock Allotment is located in all or portions of T27N, R11E, Sections 1-4, 10-15, 24, T27N, R12E, Sections 3-10, 16-22, T28N, R11E, Sections 10, 11, 14-16, 21-28, 33-36, T28N, R12E, Sections 19, 20 and 28-34, Mount Diablo Base Meridian.

A detailed description of the project is available online at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41559>. The proposed action and supporting documentation is also available for review at the Mt. Hough and Beckwourth Ranger Districts, 39696 Highway 70, Quincy, CA 95971 and 23 Mohawk Road, Blairsden, CA 96103. Additional information regarding this project can be obtained from: Kyla Sabo, Project Leader, phone: 530-283-7619; email: kylasabo@fs.fed.us. The Responsible Officials who will issue a decision on this project are Janine Book, Acting Mt. Hough District Ranger and Matthew Jedra, Acting Beckwourth District Ranger, Plumas National Forest.

How to Comment and Timeframe

Specific written comments on the proposed project would be most useful when received by July 15th, 2016. Written comments must be submitted via mail, fax, or in person to: Janine Book, Acting Mt. Hough District Ranger and/or Matthew Jedra, Acting Beckwourth District Ranger, c/o Kyla Sabo, Mt. Hough Ranger District, 39696 Highway 70, Quincy, CA 95971, Fax 530-283-1821, or in person Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays at the Mt. Hough Ranger District, 39696 Highway 70, Quincy, CA 95971. Comments submitted electronically must be in plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), Word (.doc or .docx), portable document format (.pdf), or an email message to comments-pacificsouthwest-plumas-beckwourth@fs.fed.us or email kylasabo@fs.fed.us. Please include "Moonlight Range Allotment Project" in the subject line.

Names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the public record and may be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Objection Regulations (36 CFR §218)

The proposed project is subject to the pre-decisional review (or objection) regulations of 36 CFR §218 Subparts A and B. This is a supplemental notice being provided to announce a designated opportunity to comment associated with the project scoping period. This is not the legal notice associated with the comment period specified in 36 CFR §218.24.

Only those who submit timely and specific written comments (defined by 36 CFR §218.1) during a designated public comment period established by the responsible official will have eligibility to file an objection (36 CFR §218.5). For this scoping comment period, the Forest Service would appreciate comments submitted by July 15th, 2016, however the scoping period is open until the official 30-day comment period. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments must either sign the comment or verify identity upon request. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements in §218.25(a) (3).

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